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1. Dredging in Wismar Harbor

A large bucket dredge is operating in the shipping channel of Wismar, according to a harbor pilot. The depth of entrance channel, which is particularly important for large tankers, is always kept at 29 feet. The width of the channel varies between 36 and 40 feet and the whole channel will now be widened to 45 meters. As a result, the banks of several islands near the channel will disappear.

2. Icebreaker KRASIN

After approximately 5 to 6 years, the icebreaker KRASIN has been delivered, completely remodeled by VEB Mathias-Thesen-Werft. Except for the hull, it has become a completely new ship. The superstructure has also been completely remodeled. The same applies to the engine room, etc. The old nose screw has been removed. The ship now has three screws. The ship is to keep open the East-West passage, together with the new Soviet atomic icebreaker. This should make uninterrupted navigation north of the continent possible.

3. Key to Sketch Map of Wismar Harbor (See Attachment)

1. Wendorf residential district, in the center is a tall building, the Hochhaus. The workers of VEB Mathias-Thesen-Werft live here as well as a large number of Soviet officers and their families.
2. VEB Mathias-Thesen-Werft,
3. Hull of a 4,000-ton passenger vessel, launched on 13 June 1959, of a type built in series at VEB Mathias-Thesen-Werft for the Soviets.
4. Potassium silos with six loading trunks.
5. Switchyard for oil tank cars, etc.
6. Five goose-neck cranes.

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7. Grain silo bearing the inscription, Verb-Wismar.
 8. Grain silo.
 9. New construction crane, hoisting power approximately 5 tons.
 10. Quay under construction. The sea wall is being renewed here and a new roadbed built.
 11. Barracks of the harbor fire brigade with boat house (Point 11a), in which there are two new fireboats. [redacted] a drill staged by the fire-brigade on board a vessel in the harbor [redacted] did not come off smoothly. The firemen wore old German army helmets with leather neckpieces, blue overalls, belts and gas masks. 50X1-HUM
- The fireboats of Wismar are new.
12. Pump house oil pier, still uncommissioned.
 13. Office of Deutrans..
 14. HQ store for seamen.
 15. Offices of Customs.
 16. Seamen's home.
 17. Hospital.
 18. Barracks for an NVA (National People's Army) contingent
 19. Oil tanks (four large tanks with a capacity of approximately 1,000-1,500 tons and three small tanks).
 20. Oil fueling bridge; tank cars take on oil alongside this bridge.
 21. Oil pier with jib arms (point 21A).
 22. Engine room.
 23. Boiler room.
 24. Footbridge from loading bridge to distribution room (24A); the various pipelines run across this bridge.
 25. Canteen for workers of oil facilities.
 26. Coal storage.

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